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1. DEPT. HAS INITIATED ACTION TO SUBMIT US/GOP GIFA TO CONGRESS FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW (REFTEL A). GIFA IS NOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN WHITE HOUSE AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH CONGRESS FIRST

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, PENDING SIGNATURE BY PRESIDENT OF NECESSARY TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT. ONCE GIFA REACHES CONGRESS IT WILL COME INTO PUBLIC DOMAIN.

2. DEPT. WILL NOT GENERATE PUBLICITY ON CONTENTS OF GIFA UNTIL IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY BOTH GOP AND CONGRESS. DEPT. WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK OUT SIMULTANEOUS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WITH GOP ON APPROVAL OF GIFA ONCE INTERNAL CLEARANCES ON BOTH SIDES ARE COMPLETED. AT SAME TIME, DEPT. HAS NO CONTROL OVER POSSIBLE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CONTENTS OF GIFA ONCE IT REACHES CONGRESS FOR REVIEW (NOW EXPECTED TO BE IN FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER). DEPT. FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUBMIT GIFA TO CONGRESS ASAP TO INITATE REVIEW. OTHERWISE, GIFA'S ENTRY INTO FORCE COULD BE

DELAYED.

3. FYI. CONGRESS WILL BE REQUESTED TO PASS RESOLUTION TO APPROVE US/GOP GIFA PRIOR TO 60 DAY REVIEW PERIOD STIPULATED IN U.S. LAW. DEPT. HAS HAD INFORMAL INDICATION THAT CONGRESS MAY DO SO. HOWEVER, THERE IS NOT CERTAINTY AT THIS TIME THAT CONGRESS WILL PASS A RESOLUTION SINCE IT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED GIFA FOR REVIEW. IN ANY CASE, DEPT. WILL REQUEST THAT CONGRESS NOT PUBLICLY APPROVE GIFA UNTIL AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT GOP HAS CLEARED DOCUMENT. DEPT. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY FURTHER ON ANY CONGRESSIONAL OR PUBLIC REACTION TO GIFA ONCE DOCUMENT HAS REACHED CONGRESS FOR REVIEW. END FYI. ROBINSON

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